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As video of guard falling on to Metro tracks goes viral, dark side of contract work and worker fatigue exposed; experts point to punishing shifts with little rest, minimal pay and constant anxiety

ALL WORK & NO REST

Contract-based employees often have to work for 18-hour shifts

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The recent video of a metro security guard falling onto the tracks did more than shock commuters — it exposed systemic neglect. Could the incident have been prevented if barricades were in place? Perhaps. But the larger question remains, how long can Bengaluru's migrant and contract workers continue to endure excessive workloads and punishing shifts with little care for their well-being?

Beyond infrastructure lapses, experts say this episode points to a larger crisis are the mental and physical well-being of thousands of contract workers and migrant workers who keep Bengaluru's transport systems running. Security guards, drivers, conductors, and cleaning staff often endure punishing shifts with little rest, minimal pay, and constant anxiety over retaining their jobs. Activists point out that many push themselves into overtime simply to secure some income for their families, even if it comes at the cost of their health.

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"Alertness is non-negotiable in such roles. Fitness, rest cycles, and nutrition are basic needs, not optional benefits. BMRCL cannot wash its hands by pushing responsibility onto contractors — Rajkumar Dugar, C4C

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Stay alert as scammers try to cash in on fervour; city ready for festival and other updates

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01 Living mythologies

Explore nearly 100 works by Seema Kohli spanning four decades, featuring paintings, sculptures, and performances reimagining the feminine divine and Indian cosmology. Curated by Darshan Kumar YU. **Where: National Gallery of Modern Art; When: August 26 – September 28, 10 am– 6 pm**

02 Melodic seduction

Experience the mesmerising fusion of folk music, theatre, and visual poetry in Roysten Abel's globally acclaimed production featuring 40 Manganiyar musicians. A rare Bangalore performance not to be missed. **Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts; When: August 29, 8 pm and August 30, 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm**

03 Laughter night

Enjoy an evening of laughter and relatable storytelling with Prashasti Singh, blending sharp wit and everyday quirks at Phoenix Mall of Asia. **Where: Fan Park, 2nd Floor, Phoenix Mall of Asia; When: 30th August, 8 pm onwards**

04 Rhythm fiesta

Catch Ivan Singh, the Latin blues maestro, blending funk, soul, and Spanglish rhythms with his fiery band for a genre-defying show. **Where: Windmills Craftworks; When: August 29 & 30**

05 Kathakali showcase

NGMA Bengaluru presents two enchanting evenings of classical Kathakali and Kodava folk dance, featuring skilled performers, vibrant storytelling, and traditional rhythms, celebrating India's rich cultural heritage. **Where: Auditorium, National Gallery of Modern Art; When: 29th & 30th August, 7 pm**

Activists hail circular for child-friendly prison measures

The State Prisons Department directs officials to collect data on prisoners' children, ensure rehabilitation, education and protection, and create child-friendly spaces in women's prison blocks

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The Karnataka State Prisons and Correctional Services Department has issued a circular to all prisons across the state to ensure the welfare and protection of prisoners' children aged between six and eighteen years. In a circular dated August 21, the Additional Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services directed prison superintendents to gather detailed data of such children and coordinate effectively with the Child Protection Committees of respective districts to facilitate their rehabilitation, education, and overall protection through proper government support.

"Protection of the prisoners' children aged between six years and 18 years will help them to pursue higher education. District Child Protection Committees have been providing facilities for the education of such children. However, it has become a challenge due to lack of coordination between the departments. I want you to collect data of such children and send it to the Child Protection Committees through the Deputy Commissioner of the respective district", the circular read.

The circular was issued based on a letter written by Dr Thippeswamy KT, a member of Karnataka State Children Rights Protection Committee, to Dayananda B, Additional Director General of Police and Director General, Prisons and Correctional Services on August 16, 2025. The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, during its visit to prisons, observed that several children below six years were staying with their mothers, who are women prisoners. The Commission urged prison authorities to ensure a child friendly atmosphere in women's prison blocks. Further, it directed collection of data on children aged between six and eighteen years, if any prisoner has such children, and submission of the details to District Child Protection Committees through the Deputy Commissioner concerned. This, the letter noted, will support rehabilitation and enable affected children to pursue higher education.

Children aged six and below stay with their mothers inside Karnataka prisons

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Dr Thippeswamy KT, a member of Karnataka State Children Rights Protection Commission said that he was very happy to know the Prisons and Correctional Services Department issued a circular to collect data on such children.

Describing the State Prison Department's initiative to build a child friendly environment for children living with their mothers in prisons as commendable, child rights activist Nagasimha G Rao said it deserves recognition on behalf of the children of Karnataka. He emphasized that these children, forced to reside in prisons due to their mothers' circumstances, must be acknowledged as children in need of care and protection. Therefore, it is necessary to implement child protection measures in all prisons, in line with global standards such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Rao stressed that prison staff should receive training on children's rights, relevant child laws, mental health awareness, sensitivity, empathy, and non discriminatory behaviour.

> **"These children deserve care and protection, not neglect. Staff must be trained in child rights and mental health to ensure a sensitive environment**
>
> – Nagasimha G Rao, Child rights activist

He said that special arrangements such as tailored education, therapy, and mobility support must be provided for children with disabilities to ensure a safe and comfortable environment. "All children should be treated equally, without any stigma due to their mothers' status as inmates. To ensure a nurturing childhood, these children must have access to quality education, recreational facilities, nutritious food, and healthcare", he said.

Fake doctors face penalties in Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka has issued a fresh circular directing strict regulation and monitoring of fake doctors across the state, empowering officials from the Health and Family Welfare Department and the Ayush Department to take comprehensive legal action. The order highlights provisions under multiple laws, including the Karnataka Ayurvedic, Naturopathy, Siddha, Unani and Yoga Practitioners' Registration Act, the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Act, and the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, to prosecute quacks and close down unregistered medical establishments. A district-level special task force—comprising the Deputy Commissioner, senior police officials, AYUSH officers, advocates, social workers, and board registrars—has been reactivated to inspect and prosecute offenders, while monthly reports are to be sent to the state government. The circular makes it clear that repeat offenders face steep fines, imprisonment, and immediate closure of unauthorised clinics, signalling the state's firm stance against illegal medical practice and its associated risks to public health. **— BMB**

Suicides prompt higher fence at Lalbagh Lake

With suicide cases around Lalbagh Lake increasing, the Horticulture Department has decided to raise the iron fence surrounding the waterbody. The 30-acre lake currently has a three-foot barrier, but recent incidents of people scaling it to end their lives have prompted the move. Despite the presence of CCTV cameras and security staff, such cases persist, tarnishing Lalbagh's image as a premier garden attraction. To enhance safety, the department has resolved to increase the fence height from the existing three feet to six feet, Horticulture Department Deputy Director HT Balakrishna said, stressing the measure was aimed at preventing further tragedies. **— BMB**

NCC brings Olympic flag football to city

In a city where cricket and badminton dominate the sporting landscape, a new game is quietly making its presence felt. On National Sports Day, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) introduced Flag Football, a recently included Olympic discipline, for the first time in its history at the Air Force Station, Jalahalli. The event, organised by 1 Karnataka Battalion NCC, Bangalore 'A' Group, Karnataka & Goa Directorate, in association with the Karnataka Flag and American Football Association (KFAFA), featured an exhibition match between NCC cadets and national as well as international players. The initiative, led by Air Commodore SB Arun Kumar, VSM, Deputy Director General, NCC Directorate (Karnataka & Goa), and coordinated by Lt Col Vijay Fedricks with the battalion team, marks a milestone sporting moment for Bengaluru. **— BMB**

MRI, CT scanners for government hospitals

The Health Department will install MRI scanners in 15 government hospitals and CT scanners in five hospitals under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, with services free for BPL families. Approved by the state government, the initiative aims to strengthen the public health system and provide accessible diagnostic care. At present, CT scans are available in 15 district hospitals and MRI scans in six hospitals. In the second phase, services will be expanded to Mysuru, Chitradurga, Mangaluru's Wenlock, and Bengaluru's CV Raman and KC General hospitals, among others, at a cost of ₹222.28 crore over seven years. Since April 2024, more than 2.36 lakh CT scans and 93,250 MRI scans have been provided free. APL patients will pay 30% of the fixed cost. **— BMB**

Viral traffic fine tweet fuels transparency row

A traffic violation fine issued in the early hours of June 19 has sparked a heated debate on social media over the accuracy and transparency of traffic enforcement systems.

A Twitter (X) user claimed he was fined at 5:22 AM near Khajane-2 for allegedly stopping on a zebra crossing. Despite paying the `750 fine through e-Pay, the challan continued to show as unpaid in the system, he said.

The post quickly went viral, drawing similar complaints from other users. Some argued that traffic cameras create "foreshortening," making vehicles appear to cross stop lines even when they haven't, while others accused authorities of prioritizing revenue over road safety.

Responding to the criticism, the Bengaluru City Traffic Police (@blrcitytraffic) shared an enforcement camera image, stating in Kannada, "The stop line and zebra crossing are clearly visible."

The user countered that the camera angle distorted the view, calling for "foolproof visuals" instead of vague replies.

Several users questioned inconsistent enforcement, pointing out that minor violations are penalized while major infractions like wrong-side driving often go unchecked.

The controversy underscores growing resentment toward automated fines in Bengaluru, with users demanding clearer evidence, accountability, and reliable payment updates. **BMB**

41 kg ganja worth ₹41 lakh seized

Bengaluru police arrested two men for illegally selling ganja and seized 41.3 kg of the banned substance, valued at ₹41 lakh, along with ₹2,660 in cash. The operation took place on August 23 after Jalahalli Police received a tip-off about narcotics trade under a bridge on the road from M.E.S. Road to Goraguntepalya. Acting swiftly, a team raided the spot and apprehended the suspects.

During questioning, the accused admitted to procuring the contraband from an unidentified supplier in Odisha. They revealed that the ganja was transported to Bengaluru via train at a low cost and was being sold locally for profit.

A case has been registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act at Jalahalli Police Station. The duo was produced before the court on August 24 and remanded to judicial custody as investigations continue to trace the supplier. **BMB**

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Three held for saffron shawl assault

The Kalasipalya police have arrested three men for allegedly assaulting a labourer over wearing a saffron shawl.

The accused, identified as Tabrez (30), a mechanic from Nagawara, Imran Khan (35), a radium cutting worker from Banashankari, and Ajeez Khan (47), a real estate worker from Tilak Nagar, attacked the victim on August 24 around 9:30 pm near Royal Travels, opposite Kalasipalya BMTC bus stand.

According to the FIR filed by Harikrishna, loading in-charge at Royal Travels, the accused confronted his worker, Shilendra Kumar, questioning him about the saffron towel.

They allegedly pushed Shilendra and demanded its removal. When Harikrishna intervened, they abused him, tore his shirt, and assaulted him for allowing workers to wear saffron.

The case, initially registered as an NCR, was later converted into an FIR on August 25 with court approval. The trio has been booked for assault, criminal intimidation, and breach of peace, and remanded to 15 days' judicial custody. **BMB**

CID arrests kingpin in Ulsoor murder

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Tuesday arrested notorious rowdy-sheeter Jagadisha alias Jagga (42), the prime accused in the brutal murder of realtor and rowdy-sheeter Shivaprakash (44). Shivaprakash was hacked to death outside his residence near Ulsoor Lake on July 15.

Jagga, a known gangster and close associate of BJP MLA Byrathi Basavaraj, had been absconding since the murder. Police later discovered he had fled abroad, prompting a lookout circular. He was finally nabbed upon landing at Delhi airport after reportedly traveling through Chennai, Dubai, Thailand, and Sri Lanka.

CID will interrogate Jagga to confirm motive and other involved, after MLA Basavaraj was booked over alleged contract killing. **BMB**

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90s heartthrob sweeps Bengaluru off its feet

Kumar Sanu's honeyed voice takes city on a journey of pure nostalgia at concert

The skies may have opened up, but so did hearts, as over 7,500 music lovers gathered at Phoenix Market City, Whitefield, for a night of pure nostalgia. Kumar Sanu Live in Concert, presented by

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bigbasket and produced & curated by Noizz Entertainment, proved that not even a downpour could dampen the spirit of true fans.

With bigbasket as the title sponsor, the event held in association with Radio Mirchi and powered by venue partner Phoenix Market City celebrated not just music but also the brand's promise of freshness and delight.

From the first note to the last encore, the 90s heartthrob delivered a spellbinding setlist of timeless Bollywood melodies, taking the audience on a journey back to the golden era of romance and rhythm. Rain poured, but the crowd stayed—singing, swaying, and smiling through every moment.

Bengaluru loves Kumar Sanu and the feelings are reciprocated. The singer said that he loved coming back to the city as each time he comes he has felt appreciated. "People of Bengaluru are warm and enthusiastic. They enjoy music, so I enjoy performing here," he said. When asked what inspires him to this day, he said it was a few principles that he lived by. "I believe in helping the underprivileged, never speaking an untruth. I am very straightforward. These principles make me feel proud," he said. Ask him which is his favourite song and pat comes a reply, "Jab Koi Baat Bigad Jaaye..." And Bengaluru too loves this song of his.

For music lovers, this wasn't just a concert; it was a celebration of music, memories, and the unbreakable bond between an artist and his audience. With the magic of the 90s echoing through the night, this was an evening Bengaluru will cherish for a long time to come."

Transit-oriented development could transform Bengaluru traffic system

Revised Master Plan-2041 aims to make city sustainable and liveable, using advanced technology and expert global agencies to guide balanced, scientific growth over two decades

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Drones with 360-degree cameras create a detailed 3D digital twin of the city for precise urban planning and growth mapping

Five years after shelving the criticised Master Plan-2011 draft, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has taken a significant step toward Bengaluru's future with global tenders to prepare the Revised Master Plan-2041 (RMP-2041). This ambitious initiative aims to balance rapid urbanisation with sustainable, scientific planning, creating a liveable, well-connected, and environmentally conscious city.

The state government will engage world-class private agencies through international bidding, moving away from relying solely on state-run institutions. Covering BBMP limits and beyond, over 500 sq km, the plan will utilise drone surveys, updated land-use maps, high-resolution images, and digital elevation models. However, experts caution that legal challenges faced by past plans may recur, even as Bengaluru advances toward a comprehensive, future-ready blueprint for urban development and governance.

What went wrong earlier

Ask any Bengalurean, and the answer is clear: previous master plans failed. They were criticised as unscientific, unrealistic, and unresponsive to the city's rapid growth. Roads, flyovers, and amenities lagged behind the exploding population, resulting in traffic snarls, shrinking green spaces, and overwhelmed infrastructure.

This time, officials say they have learned from mistakes. "The revised master plan will guide Bengaluru's development for the next two decades. It's vital for the city to function as a global metropolis," said a BDA official. This plan aims to create a sustainable, well-connected city balancing growth and liveability.

Going global for solutions

Instead of relying solely on government institutions, Karnataka is going global by inviting world-class private agencies through international bidding. The goal is to introduce fresh thinking and smarter solutions for Bengaluru's pressing issues like traffic congestion, urban sprawl, and housing. The Revised Master Plan-2041 will cover over 500 sq km of the city and surrounding areas. Using high-resolution maps, satellite imagery, and advanced digital models, planners aim to visualise Bengaluru's current state and design a sustainable, future-ready cityscape.

Drones over your head

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar recently told the Legislative Council that base maps for Bengaluru's Revised Master Plan-2041 are being created using Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR) and drone imagery. A private firm, The Drone Destination, is mapping BBMP's peripheral areas using drones equipped with 360-degree cameras, capturing the city from every angle to build a 3D reality mesh model. This digital twin of Bengaluru provides planners with detailed information on land use, topography, and infrastructure. "Drone surveys give us a real picture of city growth. That's the foundation for a reality-based master plan," Shivakumar said.

TOD: the new buzzword

One phrase you'll hear a lot in the coming months is Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). In simple terms, it means building smarter and denser neighbourhoods around metro lines and public transport hubs. If it works, it could finally get more people out of private vehicles and onto buses and trains — a big step toward unclogging Bengaluru's infamous traffic. Urban experts say TOD could be a game-changer if planners manage to integrate transport, housing, and commercial zones seamlessly.

Tech-heavy planning

The new plan is going all-in on technology. Expect Geographic Information Systems (GIS), 3D mapping, and simulation models that can predict everything from flooding to traffic flow. To keep things on track, BDA will also set up a monitoring cell to make sure the survey work is accurate and up to standard.

The big question: will it work?

Of course, Bengalureans have heard this before. Master plans have been drawn up in the past but rarely implemented properly. Legal hurdles, political push-and-pull, and poor execution meant the city's growth was often left to chance. Urban planners warn that the same pitfalls could haunt RMP-2041. "The challenge is not just in preparing the plan but in implementing it without compromise," said one expert.

2041 Bengaluru: dream or reality?

Whether this ambitious plan will change Bengaluru depends on its implementation after release. The promise is huge: a sustainable, liveable metropolis keeping pace with growth. "For a city proud as India's tech capital—yet struggling with potholes and traffic jams daily—the stakes couldn't be higher. RMP-2041 isn't just another plan. It's Bengaluru's shot at redemption," said an activist, hopeful this time the city will get it right.

Frazer Town roads unsafe, school children face danger daily

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Residents of Bore Bank Road and Netaji Road in Frazer Town face danger from speeding vehicles. Concerned for their schoolchildren's safety, they have repeatedly requested authorities to install road humps and build footpaths. Despite their demands, no action has been taken so far, leaving residents worried and vulnerable.

A 10th grade student was hit by a two-wheeler on July 28 while crossing Promenade Road near Santosh Hospital. The unfortunate incident shocked many parents and social activists. "My brother was crossing Promenade Road near Santosh Hospital on July 28 when a two-wheeler hit him. He was admitted to hospital for treatment. Now, he is going to school. I want the authorities to depute traffic police constables to regulate vehicular movement on this road for two hours in the morning and in the evening to facilitate children going to school without any hassles", said Mohammed Yousuf, a resident.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Ibrahim, the headmaster, said students find it difficult to cross roads during peak hours. "The BBMP has constructed road humps on Bore Bank Road, but not on Netaji Road. I urge the BBMP and traffic police to build road humps on Netaji Road to ensure the safety of students," the headmaster said.

Expressing concern over the lack of footpath and road humps on Netaji Road and adjoining roads, Habiba Subhan, Organising Secretary of Frazer Town Resident Welfare Association, said that road accidents have become common on Netaji Road due to no footpath and road

Traffic police urged to regulate busy crossings near schools

humps. "Many school children have been struggling to cross the road during the peak hours. I have already complained to the BBMP Major Roads Department to construct road humps and develop footpaths" she said.

A resident, on the condition of anonymity, said the railway authorities constructed the compound wall without leaving space for a footpath. "I do not know whether the railway authorities informed the BBMP authorities while constructing the compound wall", the resident said.

Meanwhile, Frazer Town Police Inspector (Traffic) said he has already written to the BBMP Traffic Engineering Cell requesting the construction of road humps on Netaji Road and adjoining streets, but no action has been taken yet. "I have also written to Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) authorities to relocate the bus stop near the skywalk on Netaji Road. Relocating the bus stop could help avoid traffic jams during peak hours," the Inspector said. However, BMTC authorities are yet to decide on the relocation of the bus stop, he added. However, BBMP Executive Engineer (Pulakeshinagar) was unavailable for comment.

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Illegal banner

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Pothole peril

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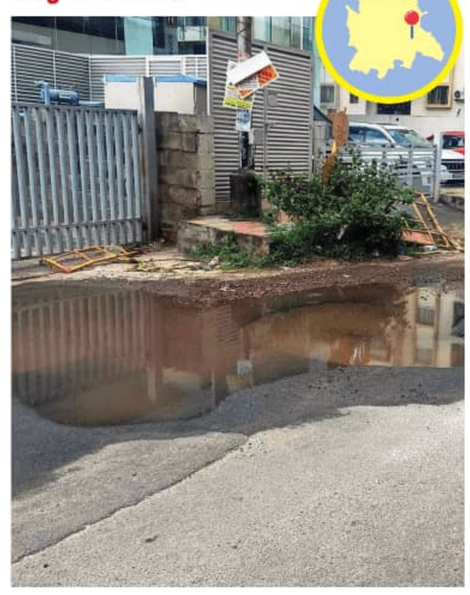

A large pothole near Vajarahalli Metro Station has been filled with water for 15 days without repair, posing a safety risk for commuters.

Road danger

BTM Layout

Road-crossing issue has been reported at BTM Layout, opposite Reliance Fresh near the Indian Oil petrol bunk, posing a safety risk for pedestrians.

This festival season, think before you click

As you send and receive greetings, shop, donate or look for discounts scammers try to sneak in via WhatsApp

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With festival seasons around, scammers too try to make the most of the season's cheer. WhatsApp, widely used for communication especially for festival greetings, shopping updates, and even to-do lists, has now become the leading platform for scams and frauds, followed closely by Telegram and Instagram. Scammers use festival communication as an opportunity to scam people and drain their bank accounts.

Cybercrime experts caution that festivals create the perfect opportunity for fraudsters. "People are more active during this time with increased messages and transactions. Scammers take advantage by sending malicious links, especially through WhatsApp," explained Chetan Anand, National Cyber Security Scholar and Cybercrime Intervention Officer.

During festivals, people tend to shop more online, donate, and search for discounts. They also exchange greetings through GIFs and images wishing each other. Cybercriminals exploit this enthusiasm by circulating malicious e-cards, fake offers, shopping links, and messages that appear genuine. Many of these scams typically begin with a WhatsApp message that pretends to come from a trusted source, such as a company or bank.

Screen mirroring fraud

"Recently, a new scam has emerged on WhatsApp," says Chetan. He explained In this type of scam, fraudsters trick a person into enabling screen-sharing options through WhatsApp. This way, the fraudsters gain access to the person's sensitive information such as OTPs, UPI PIN numbers, bank details, banking activity information, passwords, personal messages, personal IDs etc. As a result, the person can fall prey to financial losses, account takeovers and even identify theft.

"While this a new scam on WhatsApp which can be easyily avoided, the main issue is not many people are aware of it and hence this is catching people off guard, as it all begins with trust," he said. Fraudsters pretend to be bank staff or agents, claiming there's a problem with your account. "Acting helpful, they convince you to share your screen with them. Once you agree, they guide you step by step, saying they can't see your screen properly and pushing you to start a WhatsApp video call. That's when the real trap begins."

How to protect yourself

To protect yourself from WhatsApp screen mirroring fraud, it is important to stay cautious and adopt safe digital practices. Never trust anyone who claims to be a bank employee or an authorised financial agent without verifying their identity through official channels. Enable screen-sharing only when absolutely necessary and only with people you trust. Android users should disable the "App installations from unknown sources" option to prevent malicious downloads. Avoid answering spam calls, block suspicious numbers, and stay alert to fraudsters who often create a false sense of urgency to trick victims. Never open financial apps such as mobile banking, UPI, or e-wallets while screen-sharing. Protect sensitive applications with an app lock, and make use of WhatsApp's advanced chat privacy features.

"Make sure your phone and apps are always updated with the latest security patches, and safeguard your device by using licensed antivirus software along with regular security scans. For added safety, enable multi-factor authentication on all financial and messaging apps to strengthen your protection," said Chetan.

Police officials have urged the public to stay cautious during the festive season by avoiding suspicious links.

Let us celebrate the festival together. Share your family photos alongside the Ganapati decoration with BM on our WhatsApp number. The best photographs will be featured in Bangalore Mirror.
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Pvt buses make quick buck

Exploiting the holiday rush, private buses have been charging passengers nearly double the normal fare during the Gauri–Ganesha festival. Since Monday night, fares on buses leaving Bengaluru for various cities have skyrocketed. Despite transport department warnings that permits will be cancelled and operators blacklisted for overcharging, action so far has been limited to fines. The hikes are steep: Bengaluru–Madikeri tickets that usually cost ₹600 have touched ₹1,500; Bengaluru–Udupi fares jumped from ₹900 to ₹2,500; Dharwad from ₹1,200 to ₹2,500; and Belagavi from ₹1,000 to ₹2,500.

Police warn against forced donations

City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh has warned that legal action will be taken against those forcibly collecting money from the public during Ganesha Chaturthi celebrations. Speaking after a review meeting with DCPs and ACPs on precautionary measures for Ganesha Chaturthi and Eid Milad, he said that all festivities must follow BBMP and police guidelines, and complaints of forced collections will invite strict action.

The commissioner also directed senior officers to ensure preventive measures across the city to avoid any untoward incidents during the festivals. Additional security, including CAR and KSRP deployment in sensitive areas, intensified night patrolling, and close watch on mischief-makers, has been instructed. Singh said that along with the regular force, two companies of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) have been deployed to conduct route marches in sensitive areas.

DCPs and ACPs have been told to remain on high alert until the festivals conclude, with intelligence teams tasked to gather ground-level inputs proactively.

CCT cameras on, DJ music off

The city police have stepped up security arrangements with additional CCTV cameras installed across Bengaluru, all linked to the central command centre for real-time monitoring.

DJ music has been banned during the celebrations, while heavy security has been posted at immersion points and along procession routes to ensure law and order.

BM Food & Night Life

Where teachers talk more than students learn

Study reveals India's budget classrooms still dominated by teacher talk, leaving little room for interaction, creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative learning

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In a typical 40-minute class, dictation and lectures dominate, leaving limited space for questioning, collaboration, and student participation

Teachers in India's budget private schools spend over 50% of class time lecturing, leaving minimal room for interaction or feedback, a new study warns, urging urgent reforms in pedagogy and classroom practices

If you've ever wondered what really happens inside a section of India's classrooms, the latest study by the Noldenbirge Foundation offers an eye-opening answer: teachers talk far more than students engage. In fact, the report, based on hundreds of video-recorded lessons at budget private schools across the country, shows that teachers spend more than half of classroom time (52.06%) lecturing to the whole class. Add another six minutes on average dictating notes, and it becomes clear that the traditional "chalk and talk" method continues to dominate India's schooling culture, especially in the low-fee private sector.

The Report on In-classroom Teacher Behaviour at Budget Private Schools in India, the first of its kind, analysed lessons second by second using a taxonomy of teacher behaviours. The findings highlight that while teachers are spending substantial time delivering content, far less energy goes into practices that promote active learning, feedback, or personalised support. In other words, classrooms still revolve around the teacher's voice rather than the student's voice.

The numbers behind classroom time

The report reveals that in a typical 40-minute class, teachers spend the bulk of their time lecturing (20 minutes 50 seconds) and dictating notes (6 minutes 03 seconds), with smaller portions devoted to tasks like assigning individual work (5 minutes 13 seconds), asking questions to the class (3 minutes 54 seconds), having students read or present (3 minutes 27 seconds), writing on the board (3 minutes 11 seconds), or moving around the classroom (2 minutes 42 seconds).

Group-based activities such as assessments (2 minutes 28 seconds) and learning tasks (2 minutes 04 seconds), along with individual questioning (2 minutes 07 seconds), receive minimal attention, underscoring a teaching style focused heavily on information delivery rather than interaction or collaboration.

The invisible side of teaching

The study highlights that the least time-consuming teacher behaviours in a 40-minute lesson are almost negligible: managing a small group (16 seconds), organising individual seating (14 seconds), transitioning between lesson segments (13 seconds), listening to a student (11 seconds), giving instructions to an individual (10 seconds), managing whole-class behaviour (10 seconds), praising the class (9 seconds), assigning an individual assessment (5 seconds), giving feedback to a small group (3 seconds), and using non-verbal cues with the class (just 1 second).

Strikingly, these are precisely the actions that foster supportive, interactive, and personalised learning, yet they receive the least attention, with feedback and non-verbal engagement virtually absent from classrooms.

The bigger picture

The Noldenbirge Foundation's report doesn't just provide statistics; it tells a story of a system still tethered to the past. Budget private schools, often catering to low-income families, are operating under tight resource constraints and large class sizes, which may partly explain the reliance on traditional, lecture-driven methods.

But the findings also highlight an urgent need for change: if students spend more than half their classroom time passively listening, how much space is left for critical thinking, creativity, or problem-solving?

There is also a social equity dimension. These budget private schools educate millions of children from aspirational, lower-income families. If classroom practices in such schools remain limited to dictation and lecturing, it risks creating a widening skills gap between students in resource-rich institutions and those in budget schools.

Where does learning begin?

The report raises a provocative question: Are India's classrooms producing disciplined note-takers rather than curious learners? By quantifying how little time is given to interaction, feedback, and encouragement, the study advocates the pressing need to rethink teacher training, pedagogical priorities, and classroom culture.

"As India aims to prepare its youth for a knowledge-driven economy, the insights from this report suggest that the first reform may need to start not with syllabi or exams, but inside the classroom itself—where the teacher's role must evolve from a lecturer to a facilitator of learning," said the study.

CM orders crackdown on fake certificates

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has ordered strict disciplinary action against those securing government jobs or benefits using fake caste certificates, after court validation. At the SC/ST Vigilance and Monitoring Committee meeting, he noted that despite 170 convictions, benefits remain unrevoked. He directed departments to coordinate and file reports, stressing that charge sheets in atrocity cases be filed within 60 days. Warning police against delays, he urged 100% compliance, up from last year's 84%. Eleven special courts will ensure speedy trials, while 56 cases stalled by stay orders must be cleared promptly. **— BMB**

Congress picks four new MLC nominees

After seven months of negotiations, Congress finalized four nominees for vacant Karnataka Legislative Council seats: Dr Arathi Krishna, Ramesh Babu, FH Jakkappanavar, and Shivakumar. Dalit leader DG Sagar and journalist Dinesh Amin Mattu, earlier recommended by the state, were dropped. Jakkappanavar, AICC SC Cell general secretary from Hubballi-Dharwad, replaces Sagar, while Mysuru journalist Shivakumar, a close aide of CM Siddaramaiah, takes Mattu's slot. These appointments follow the term expiry of Prakash Rathod, Tippeswamy, and Yogeshwar, who had earlier resigned from their positions. **— BMB**

Pre-nomination acts not election offence

The Karnataka High Court ruled that alleged bribery or inducement before filing nomination papers does not amount to "corrupt practices" under the Representation of People Act, 1951. Justice MI Arun dismissed an election petition by Subhan Khan challenging Congress leader Prabha Mallikarjun's May 2024 Davanagere victory. The court noted Mallikarjun filed her nomination on April 12, making accusations dated April 6 invalid since she was not a "candidate" under Section 79(b). The plea was dismissed under Order VII Rule 11(a) and Section 86(1) of the Act. **— BMB**

Neglected Anand Rao Circle islands spark public outrage over BBMP apathy

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The pathetic condition of two traffic islands under Anand Rao Circle flyover draws criticism from pedestrians and motorists. They blame the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Horticulture Department for being negligent towards maintaining the traffic islands that were developed with taxpayers' money just three years ago.

As part of a beautification drive in 2022, BBMP installed statues of Gautam Buddha, Angulimala, and a few animals on the islands. However, the effort seems forgotten, as the islands now wear a neglected look. Layers of dust cover the statues, and the greenery once promised is missing. Today, there are no saplings, no flowering plants, and not even basic upkeep.

Adding to the dismal state, one of the islands near Maurya Circle is being misused as an open urinal. Rat holes can also be seen across the stretch, creating a health and hygiene hazard.

Residents and daily commuters are furious over the civic body's indifference. "The BBMP authorities spent a huge amount of money on the beautification of these islands in 2022. The Horticulture Department has failed miserably to maintain them. These islands have become an eyesore, thanks to the apathetic attitude of officials," said Padamanabhan S, a pedestrian.

Echoing similar sentiments, auto rickshaw driver Narasimha Murthy demanded immediate action. "The Chief Commissioner should personally inspect these islands. They should redevelop them and ensure proper maintenance in the future," he said.

The lack of coordination among BBMP departments has emerged as another sore point for citizens. "The BBMP Health Department and Horticulture Department should work together. Health officials must keep the islands clean, while horticulture staff should plant flowering plants," suggested Sudarshan Rao, another pedestrian.

Some believe the islands could serve a larger purpose if developed well. "These spaces can be converted

into small recreational zones where people can relax during the day. The BBMP should also involve the police to prevent anti-social activities. Right now, the problem is lack of accountability. One department develops the islands, and another is supposed to maintain them. There is absolutely no coordination," said Prakash Babu, a regular commuter.

Despite repeated complaints, little has changed. When contacted, BBMP Horticulture Senior Assistant Director (West Zone) Mohammed Ali admitted to the poor state of affairs. "I am aware that the islands are in bad condition. We will take steps to plant saplings and improve their appearance," he assured.

However, not everyone is convinced. "These islands have been neglected for over a year. What was the Senior Assistant Director doing all this time? Isn't it his duty to visit these places at least once a month?" questioned Pratap M, a pedestrian.

For now, the fate of these islands remains uncertain. Will BBMP act promptly to restore the traffic islands under Anand Rao Circle flyover, or will they continue to rot in neglect? Commuters can only wait and hope that promises turn into action.

School mishap leaves 3 kids injured

Lintel of window falls on children at govt school in Devanahalli Town

INFOCUS STATE OF GOVT SCHOOLS

Panic and outrage gripped Devanahalli town on Tuesday afternoon, after a lintel of the window from the school building collapsed on school childrens at the Kote Government Boys' Higher Primary School collapsed, leaving three students seriously injured and 15 others with minor injuries. The incident has raised fresh concerns about the poor condition of government school buildings across the state.

One boy sustained a fracture in his leg and is currently undergoing treatment, while another has been admitted to private hospital. Another child who was also injured is undergoing treatment and a third child has been discharged. Parents and locals have condemned the negligence, questioning why children should suffer due to the lack of maintenance of school infrastructure.

6 Education Minister asks PWD officials to complete inspection of school building, submit report

Minister for School Education and Literacy S Madhu Bangarappa visited the injured at the hospital and assured families that the Education Department would bear all medical expenses. He directed officials to monitor the health of the children round the clock and urged doctors to provide the best possible treatment.

The minister has also ordered the officials of the Public Works Department to conduct a complete inspection of the school building and submit a report. The health and safety of children is a key responsibility of the government, he said. The minister said that action will be taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur.

—BMB

Bonded labour racket busted in Anekal: 35, including 8 children, rescued

In a shocking revelation of modern-day slavery, officials rescued 35 labourers, including eight children, from bonded labour in Attibele village of Anekal taluk, Bengaluru Urban district. The rescue operation was jointly carried out by the Deputy Tahsildar, labour department, Attibele police, and NGO Mukti.

The workers, originally from Wanaparthy district in Telangana, had been purchased by contractors and forced into labour. They were split into groups and deployed at construction sites in Attibele and Gunjur. At one site Ramanagappashetti Infrastructure Company a family was reportedly bought for ₹1.6 lakh to work without wages for an entire year.

According to officials, Yakub, a subcontractor of RNS Company, had taken the labourers under his control. He coerced them into road work through intimidation and threats, even seizing property documents to bind them. The labourers were told that if they abandoned work midway, they would face a penalty of ₹1 lakh.

Following the operation, a case was registered at Attibele Police Station against the contractors involved. The rescued workers have been shifted to safety, and rehabilitation efforts are underway with the support of the labour department and NGOs.

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INBRIEF

Serial thief targeting weddings held

A thief who would enter bustling Kalyana Mantapas and strike gold when all eyes were on the stage during marriage ceremonies has been arrested with police recovering valuables worth 36.91 lakh from him.

The accused, identified as Paramesh, was nabbed near Gubbi Railway Station in Tumakuru on August 2, following a tip-off. The case began after the owner of a community centre in Industrial Town, under Magadi Road Police Station limits, lodged a complaint on May 14. He reported that on May 5, an unknown person had stolen 2.31 lakh cash kept in a room.

Upon interrogation, the accused confessed to targeting community halls in Kamakshipalya, Kengeri, and Basavanagudi, stealing jewellery and cash when guests were distracted on stage.

He revealed that part of the stolen property was stored at his Gubbi residence, while the gold had been melted into bars and sold at a jewellery shop in Nagarathpet.

Police recovered 400 grams of gold bars and 91,000 cash, together valued at 36.91 lakh. With this arrest, eight theft cases across four police stations have been solved. BMB

Skeleton scare in trash

Panic spread in Govindashettipalya under Parappana Agrahara police limits on Tuesday morning after parts of a human skeleton were found dumped in roadside garbage. Pourakarmikas, who were cleaning the area, stumbled upon skull fragments and bones, immediately alerting the police.

A probe was launched with CCTV checks, leading investigators to a 51-year-old local resident. Police said the man admitted to discarding the skeleton near a raja kaluve after a foul smell began emanating from his house. His daughter, a second-year MBBS student at a private medical college, had brought the skeleton home for academic purposes.

While officers were still at the spot, the man arrived and confessed to dumping the remains. After verifying his claims, police recorded his statement and issued a stern warning. The skeleton has since been returned to the family for proper disposal. BMB

House theft racket busted: Gold, car recovered

In two separate operations, police busted a series of house thefts, arresting five men and recovering 707 grams of gold ornaments, a car, and other valuables worth 65.21 lakh. The breakthrough has helped solve multiple theft cases reported

In the first case, four men accused of house theft across Karnataka are now behind bars after police recovered 475 grams of stolen gold and a car, together valued at 44.24 lakh.

In another case, Begur Police have arrested a man identified as Shanth Kumar involved in multiple house thefts and recovered 232 grams of gold ornaments worth 20.97 lakh. BMB

City that doesn't sleep: Stretched beyond endurance

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optional benefits. BMRCL cannot wash its hands by pushing responsibility onto contractors. If trained guards face such lapses, what about ordinary commuters?" questioned Rajkumar Dugar, founder of the civic group Citizens for Citizens Collective (C4C).

This incident is not confined to metro staff. Gig workers, daily-wage earners, and other contract-based employees across the city mirror the same struggles, working up to 18 hours a day without access to healthcare, counselling, or basic support. Fatigue-induced errors, like the guard's fall, are warnings of a larger systemic neglect where work takes precedence over human lives.

String of bus accidents

The issue has been most visible in the city's public bus service. A series of BMTC bus accidents in recent months, some of them fatal, have been linked to overworked and sleep-deprived drivers, along with technical and human errors. Sources reveal that rest breaks are inadequate, with some drivers even sleeping inside buses between shifts.

Unlike permanent staff, contract employees often do not undergo comprehensive training, leaving them vulnerable in crisis situations. Yet they carry the same burden of responsibility, of moving lakhs of passengers daily.

In response to the rising accidents, BMTC has begun holding daily unit-level meetings to brief drivers on safe and defensive driving, inviting experts twice a week for special training sessions, and partnering with the city's Traffic Police Command Centre for joint programs. Drivers involved in accidents are also sent for refresher training at the Vaddarahalli Training Centres, but at what cost, when action follows only in the aftermath of damage?

Behind every safe commute is a worker stretched beyond endurance, sleep-deprived, underpaid, and often invisible in the city's race for productivity. Until their well-being, mental, physical, and social, is treated as a priority, Bengaluru's transport system will remain fragile, putting both workers and passengers at risk.

Compensation to guard enhanced

The Karnataka High Court has enhanced the compensation payable to the family of a security guard, who was brutally attacked while on duty at the Majestic Namma Metro construction site in 2012. The court ordered that Rs 5.88 lakh, along with interest, be paid to the dependents of the deceased.

Justice CM Poonacha directed that the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL), GYT Coastal JV, and Canon Detective and Security Services would be jointly and severally liable for the payment. However, BMRCL was given the liberty to recover the amount from the contractor and the security agency.

The case concerned Chinnaswami, a guard employed through Canon Detective, who was deployed at the Metro construction site being developed by GYT Coastal JV for BMRCL. On January 20, 2012, he was attacked by unidentified assailants with lethal weapons at the KSRTC bus stand compound. The injuries left him paralysed and bedridden until his death on October 31, 2016.

Initially, the Employees Compensation Tribunal had awarded only ₹11,576 with 12% interest. His wife and children challenged this, seeking higher compensation. BMRCL argued that the guard was not directly employed by it and that liability lay with the contractor and security agency.

Rejecting this stand, the High Court observed that BMRCL had entrusted the construction work to Coastal, which in turn hired Canon for security services. Since no agreements clarifying liability were produced, all three entities were held responsible under the Employees Compensation Act. The court further ruled that if BMRCL pays the compensation first, it may recover the amount from Coastal, and Coastal, in turn, may recover it from Canon.

Partition suits: Written statement stands

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that in partition suits, only the defendant who has personally filed a written statement can move for its amendment, while other defendants who have merely adopted that statement cannot seek changes to it.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj gave the ruling while dismissing a petition filed by Seeta Nayak and others.

The court observed that defendant No.4, who had not filed a written statement of his own, could not seek to amend the written statement submitted by defendant No.2.

"In my considered opinion, it would not be permissible for defendant No.4, who has not filed a written statement, to seek amendment of a written statement not filed by defendant No.4," the judge noted.

Rejecting defendant 4's contention, the court said that only the party who has signed and filed a pleading can seek to amend it. If a joint written statement is filed, then an application to amend it must come from all the parties who signed it, the judge clarified.

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'Monstrous crime is eroding public trust'

Lokayukta court flags deep-rooted corruption in police

The Lokayukta Special Court has delivered a stinging indictment of rampant corruption within the Bengaluru City Police Commissionerate, observing that bribery has become routine in the functioning of police stations. Comparing the practice to a "monstrous crime", the court warned that unchecked graft is eroding public trust in the very institution meant to protect citizens.

Bribes for justice becoming routine

The court noted with concern that ordinary citizens are often compelled to pay bribes even for basic police services such as filing FIRs, conducting investigations, and securing reports. It also highlighted instances where officers demanded money to submit B-reports in criminal cases or interfered in civil disputes, effectively turning justice into a commodity. "The police force is meant to protect people, not exploit them," the court remarked, stressing that such practices strike at the heart of democracy and the rule of law.

Influential officers denied bail

In its latest ruling, the court denied bail to Ramamurthynagar Inspector NH Rajashekar, PSI Rumaan Paka, and middleman Imran, who were caught red-handed accepting 1 lakh to influence a domestic dispute. The judge observed that the accused officers were highly influential and, if released, could tamper with evidence or intimidate witnesses. The denial of bail, the court emphasized, was necessary to ensure the integrity of the investigation.

Recent Arrests Expose Widespread Rot

In just the last few months, Lokayukta police have arrested several officers across Bengaluru, including:

April 8: Sanjaynagar ASI Vijaykumar & a middleman

April 21: Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE) Police Inspector Geeta & a middleman

March 26: Cybercrime ACP S.R. Tannir & ASI Krishnamurthy – caught taking ₹2 lakh

May 6: Kempegowda Nagar Inspector Shivajirao & PSI Shivanand – ₹1 lakh

June 21: Govindapura PSI J.K. Savitribai – ₹1.25 lakh

August 16: Ramamurthynagar Inspector Rajshekhar & PSI Ruman Paka – ₹1 lakh

Arrests despite repeated warnings

What has alarmed the judiciary further is the scale and frequency of arrests. In the past three to four months alone, more than ten officers, including an Assistant Commissioner of Police, have been trapped by the Lokayukta while accepting bribes worth lakhs. The court expressed dismay that, despite repeated judicial warnings and ongoing crackdowns, at least one officer from the city police continues to be caught almost every month. This, it observed, showed that warnings have had little deterrent effect and that corruption has instead taken deeper root.

Institutionalised corruption

According to Lokayukta Judge KM Radhakrishna, corruption within the police is no longer limited to petty demands but has become institutionalised. The court cited allegations that officers themselves pay bribes to secure postings and subsequently attempt to recover these expenses from the public. Such practices, it warned, create a vicious cycle where citizens are repeatedly harassed and the integrity of the force is compromised.

Urgent reforms needed

Sounding an urgent call for reform, the court stressed that systemic measures are needed to curb the rot in police functioning. It cautioned that unless immediate corrective steps are taken, people's faith in the police will continue to collapse. The Lokayukta also urged senior authorities to treat the issue with the seriousness it deserves, noting that corruption in police stations is not just an administrative failure but a grave threat to justice itself.

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YOUR DATA PRIVACY IS SLIPPING AWAY

Here's why, and what you can do about it

Cybersecurity and data privacy are constantly in the news. Governments are passing new cybersecurity laws. Companies are investing in cybersecurity controls such as firewalls, encryption and awareness training at record levels.

And yet, people are losing ground on data privacy.

In 2024, the Identity Theft Resource Center reported that companies sent out 1.3 billion notifications to the victims of data breaches. That's more than triple the notices sent out the year before. It's clear that despite growing efforts, personal data breaches are not only continuing, but accelerating.

What can you do about this situation? Many people think of the cybersecurity issue as a technical problem. They're right: Technical controls are an important part of protecting personal information, but they are not enough.

As a professor of information technology, analytics and operations at the University of Notre Dame, I study ways to protect personal privacy.

Solid personal privacy protection is made up of three pillars: accessible technical controls, public awareness of the need for privacy, and public policies that prioritize personal privacy. Each plays a crucial role in protecting personal privacy. A weakness in any one puts the entire system at risk.

The first line of defence

Technology is the first line of defence, guarding access to computers that store data and encrypting information as it travels between computers to keep intruders from gaining access. But even the best security tools can fail when misused, misconfigured or ignored.

Two technical controls are especially important: encryption and multifactor authentication. These are the backbone of digital privacy – and they work best when widely adopted and properly implemented.

Encryption uses complex math to put sensitive data in an unreadable format that can only be unlocked with the right key. For example, your web browser uses HTTPS encryption to protect your information when you visit a secure webpage. This prevents anyone on your network – or any network between you and the website – from eavesdropping on your communications. Today, nearly all web traffic is encrypted in this way.

But if we're so good at encrypting data on networks, why are we still suffering all of these data breaches? The reality is that encrypting data in transit is only part of the challenge.

Securing stored data

We also need to protect data wherever it's stored – on phones, laptops and the servers that make up cloud storage. Unfortunately, this is where security often falls short. Encrypting stored data, or data at rest, isn't as widespread as encrypting data that is moving from one place to another.

While modern smartphones typically encrypt files by default, the same can't be said for cloud storage or company databases. Only 10% of organisations report that at least 80% of the information they have stored in the cloud is encrypted, according to a 2024 industry survey. This leaves a huge amount of unencrypted personal information potentially exposed if attackers manage to break in. Without encryption, breaking into a database is like opening an unlocked filing cabinet – everything inside is accessible to the attacker.

Multifactor authentication is a security measure that requires you to provide more than one form of verification before accessing sensitive information. This type of authentication is more difficult to crack than a password alone because it requires a combination of different types of information. It often combines something you know, such as a password, with something you have, such as a smartphone app that can generate a verification code or with something that's part of what you are, like a fingerprint. Proper use of multifactor authentication reduces the risk of compromise by 99.22%.

While 83% of organisations require that their employees use multifactor authentication, according to another industry survey, this still leaves millions of accounts protected by nothing more than a password. As attackers grow more sophisticated and credential theft remains rampant, closing that 17% gap isn't just a best practice – it's a necessity.

Multifactor authentication is one of the simplest, most effective steps organizations can take to prevent data breaches, but it remains underused. Expanding its adoption could dramatically reduce the number of successful attacks each year.

Awareness gives people the knowledge they need

Even the best technology falls short when people make mistakes. Human error played a role in 68% of 2024 data breaches, according to a Verizon report. Organisations can mitigate this risk through employee training, data minimisation – meaning collecting only the information necessary for a task, then deleting it when it's no longer needed – and strict access controls.

Policies, audits and incident response plans can help organizations prepare for a possible data breach so they can stem the damage, see who is responsible and learn from the experience. It's also important to guard against insider threats and physical intrusion using physical safeguards such as locking down server rooms.

The tools, policies and knowledge to protect personal data exist – but people's and institutions' use of them still falls short. Stronger encryption, more widespread use of multifactor authentication, better training and clearer legal standards could prevent many breaches. It's clear that these tools work. What's needed now is the collective will – and a unified federal mandate – to put those protections in place.

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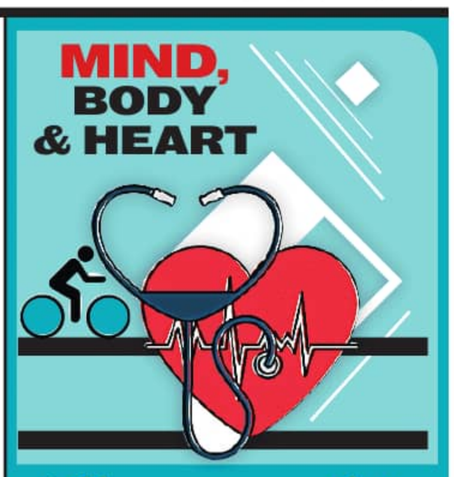

All you need to know about...

Food to stop gout

1. Cherries
Cherries are often considered a natural remedy for gout, and for good reason. They're packed with anthocyanins, powerful plant compounds that reduce inflammation and lower uric acid levels in the body. Eating fresh cherries or drinking tart cherry juice has been shown to reduce the frequency of gout attacks in some studies. Cherries also provide vitamin C and antioxidants that help protect your cells from damage caused by oxidative stress.

2. Citrus Fruits
Citrus fruits like oranges, lemons, and grapefruits are excellent for managing uric acid because they're loaded with vitamin C. Research suggests that vitamin C helps the kidneys flush out uric acid more effectively, lowering the risk of gout attacks. Lemons, in particular, have an alkalising effect that balances the body's pH and reduces acidity in the blood. Drinking warm lemon water in the morning is a simple and refreshing way to start your day while supporting uric acid control. Oranges provide additional hydration and fiber, which aid kidney function.

3. Celery
Celery has long been valued as a natural remedy for inflammatory conditions, including gout. It's particularly helpful because it contains compounds like luteolin and 3-n-butylphthalide, which have been shown to reduce uric acid levels in the body. Celery is also high in water content, aiding hydration and kidney function, which are essential in flushing uric acid out.

4. Apples
Apples are rich in malic acid, which helps neutralise uric acid in the bloodstream. They're also a great source of fiber, especially pectin, which supports digestion and helps your body flush out toxins. The vitamin C in apples plays a role in lowering uric acid levels too, making them an excellent fruit for gout prevention. —Femina

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Gardening's hidden benefits: How digging in the dirt could bolster mental wellbeing

According to experts, gardening has been shown to boost mood and reduce stress

If you spend any time gardening, you probably understand what I mean when I say it feels good — despite the lifting, sweating and straining involved. Yes, exercise is good for our bodies, but there's something about digging in the dirt while listening to a bird soundtrack that lifts my spirits. Even the scent of the soil and mulch makes me happy.

As it turns out, there are scientific reasons for this.

In fact, there's an entire field called horticultural therapy that's dedicated to using "plant-based and garden-based activities to support people who have identified treatment needs," according to Karen Haney, a horticultural therapy instructor at UCLA Extension in Long Beach, California.

"Research suggests 20-30 minutes (of gardening) a few times a week can reduce stress and lift mood, with benefits increasing the more regularly one gardens," says Sarah Thompson, a professionally registered horticultural therapist in Boise, Idaho.

Yes, the simple act of being in nature can improve mood and restore focus, she said, but "the active engagement of nurturing plants, making decisions and seeing results over time adds a unique layer of meaning and satisfaction that passive time outdoors does not."

In addition, Thompson said gardening has been shown to ease symptoms of anxiety and depression, and fosters a sense of calm, purpose and accomplishment.

A recent study at the University of Colorado-Boulder backs this up. —AP

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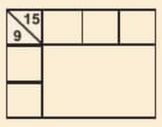

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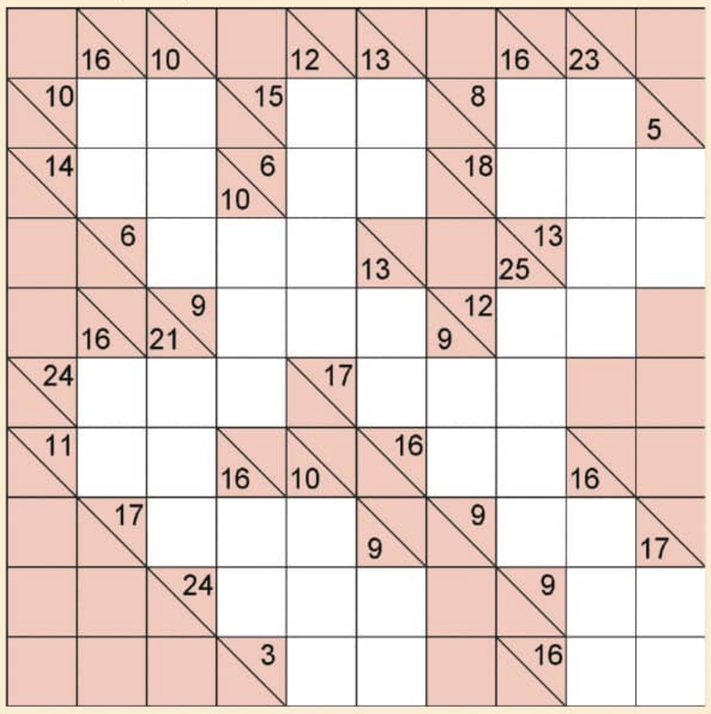

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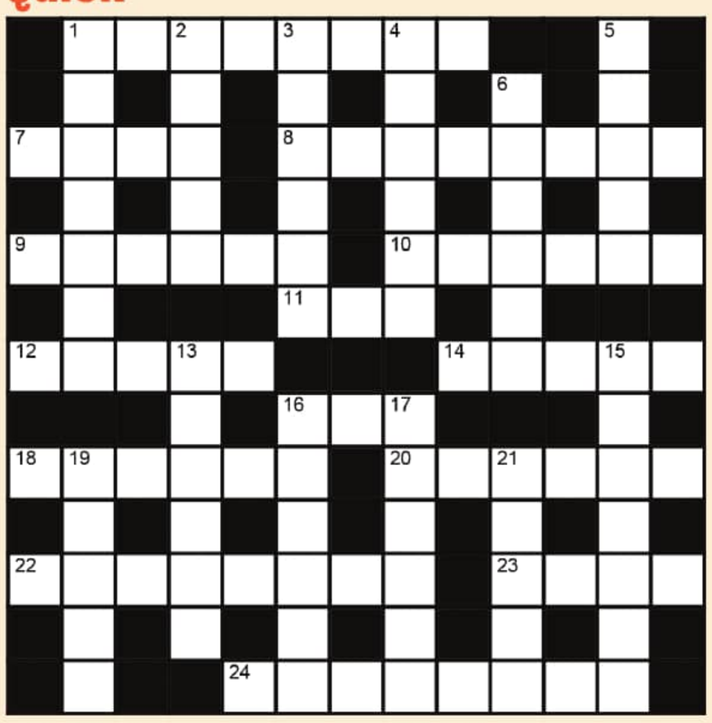


ACROSS

1 Rival (8)
7 Ancient Roman days (4)
8 In two minds (8)
9 Washes out in water (6)
10 Overwhelming or dazzling (6)
11 High Power Amplifier (3)
12 Merges, blends or combines? (5)
14 Revises copy (5)
16 Overmodest (3)
18 Karnataka tourist destination known for its sculptures and red sandstone cliffs (6)
20 Exertion or attempt (6)
22 Swiss mountains peak; German girl (8)
23 Regretted (4)
24 Candidate (8)

DOWN

1 Type of dancing? (3-4)
2 Cuban cash (5)
3 Rather unused; not oldish (6)
4 US desert state (6)
5 Flaxen cloth (5)
6 Held dear (6)
13 Quentin Tarantino's ___ Unchained (6)
15 Agony (7)
16 A tree such as a lemon or orange tree (6)
17 ___ Menuhin : famous U.S. violin virtuoso? (6)
19 Very severe (5)
21 Terra ___ : dry land, mother earth ? (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS G

GDFB NX SDJ KGNSQ–NJ XBBX HDCB, SDJ GBXX. KOJ KBV–MOXB NJ XBBX HDCB, NJ NX RNGGNST JD XBB GBXX.

Linemaro

Boy: Are you getting taller?
Girl: No, why?
Boy: Yesterday you were up to my shoulders, but now you're on my mind

Mindchow

Wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it.
Right is right, even if no one is doing it

Joke of the day

Teacher: Whoever answers my next question, can go home.
One boy throws his bag out the window.
Teacher: Who just threw that?
Boy: Me and I'm going home now.

Loop

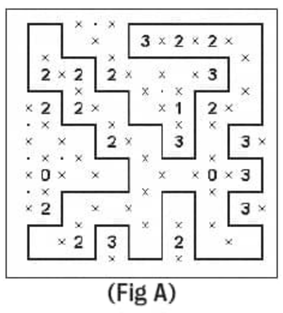
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

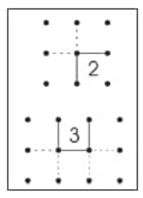
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

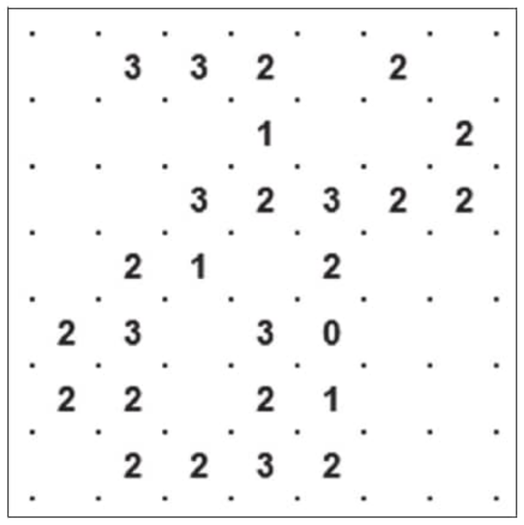
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



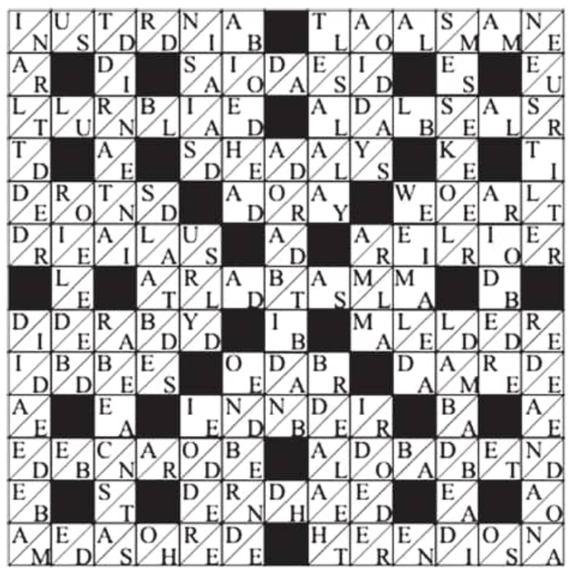
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



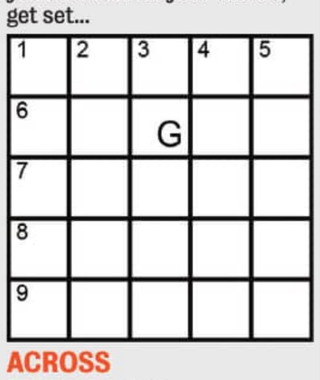
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

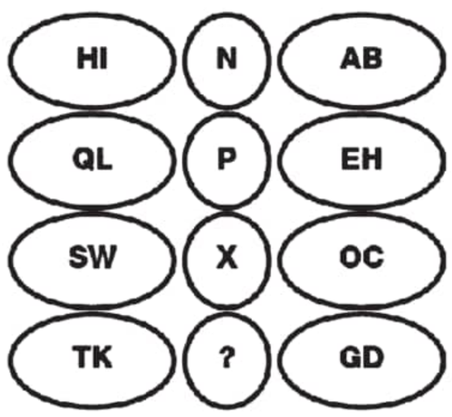
1 Bap ma; 6 Gaper;
7 Or gag; 8 Niger;
9 Keels

DOWN

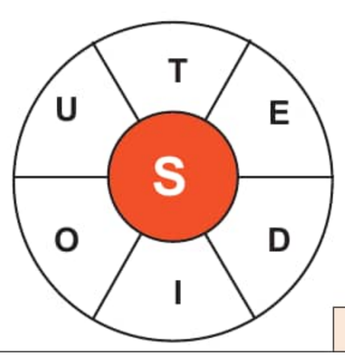
1 Paras; 2 Gable;
3 Gage I; 4 Me erg;
5 K P Ron

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

9								8
		5		9		4		
	8	6	7		2	3	1	
		8	9		5	1		
	1						8	
		3	2		1	5		
	7	4	8		9	2	3	
		2		4		9		
3								6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 12

4 7 8 9

Medium = 13

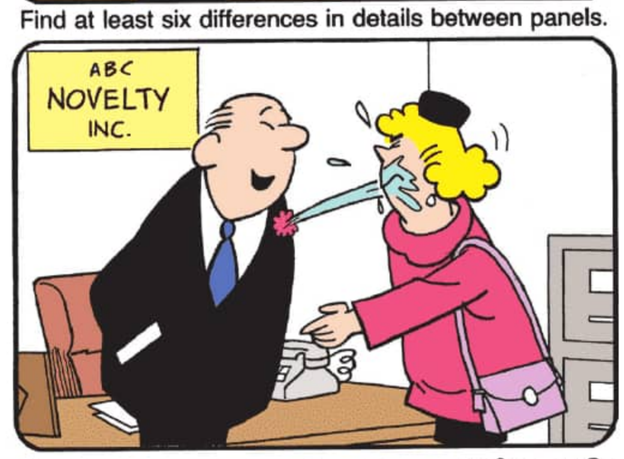
4 8 8 9

Hard = 11

1 3 3 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



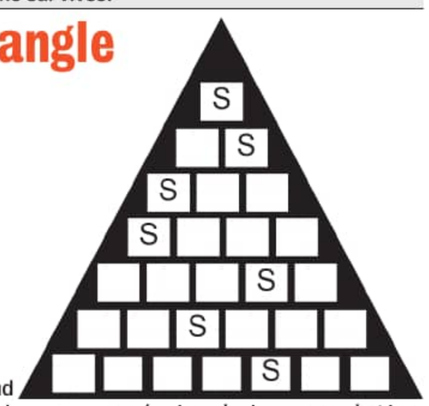
Differences: 1. Purse is lower. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Flower is higher. 4. Eye is different. 5. Chair is taller. 6. Hat is smaller.

Riddler

On a dark, stormy Halloween night, four kids named Luke, John, Sarah and Bob walk into a haunted house during a blackout. Only one can escape. They take a staircase to the second floor, a trapdoor on the left, then go up the ladder to the right, followed by a 28-foot slide to the basement through the mouth of a Giant Panda. In one corner of the murky cellar is a chainsaw, a dagger, a rope with a noose and an electric chair. Written on the wall in blood are the words, "Only one will survive – choose your death!" Bob takes the rope, Sarah picks up the dagger, John chooses the chainsaw and Luke uses the chair. Who survives?

Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 _ easy _ a pie
3 Watery expanse
4 Sound mind
5 Ouzo flavouring
6 Tailor's measure
7 Memory loss



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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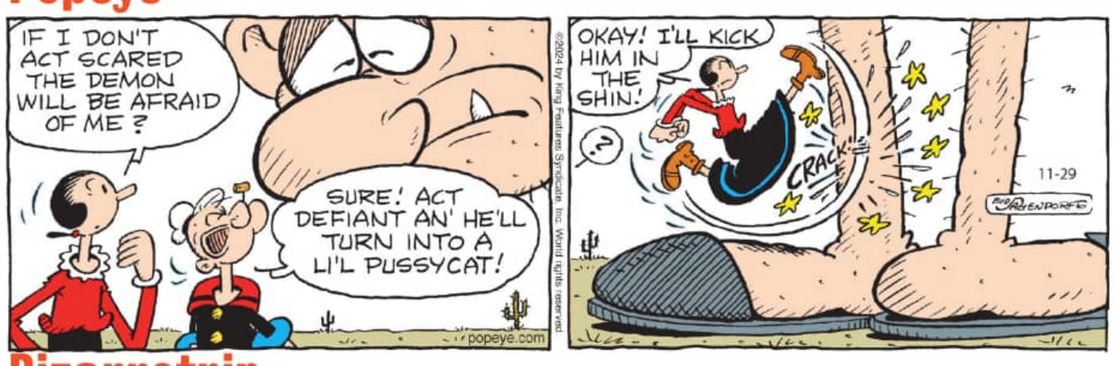
Popeye


IF I DON'T ACT SCARED THE DEMON WILL BE AFRAID OF ME ?
SURE! ACT DEFIANT AN' HE'LL TURN INTO A LI'L PUSSYCAT!
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OKAY! I'LL KICK HIM IN THE SHIN!
CRACK!
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Bizarrotrip

Wayno & Piraro 5·21·25
As an artist, I'm interested in exploring negative space.
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Hart of the city

NOMINATE SUPERLATIVES TODAY!!
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
BEST DRESSED
MOST LIKELY TO DROP THEIR PHONE
BEST ENTERTAINER
MOST GULLIBLE
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HM... I THINK I'VE GOT A CHANCE AT "MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED" AND "BEST ENTERTAINER."
HOW ARE YOU GONNA GET KIDS TO NOMINATE YOU? IT'S NOT LIKE AN ELECTION.
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Crankshaft

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MY GIRL AND I LOVED THE SMELL OF THE FLOWERS WHEN WE WENT DANCING IN THE WISTERIA BALLROOM!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
New plans introduced in your family business may bring future gains. Social or family gatherings could keep you occupied, and you might spend on creative artifacts or home décor to enhance your status. Healthwise, stay alert to issues related to teeth, eyes, ears, nose, or skin.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Family and spouse support strengthen domestic harmony. Heavy work responsibilities may reduce family time, but your professional front remains strong. Projects involving government or official agencies could start. Family gatherings will help you stay connected.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
An influential person may support your business expansion. Inner strength helps with tough professional decisions, and new ventures with friends or siblings could be planned. Carefully review contracts before signing.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
A positive day brings good health and vitality. Work will feel satisfying, but avoid rigidity and unnecessary arguments to prevent family disputes. Wise communication strengthens partnerships and harmony at home. Job seekers may find opportunities, while couples should steer clear of minor quarrels.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Blessings from elders clear confusion, allowing you to protect your savings through wise decisions. Spending will be meaningful. Students may receive good academic news, and marital harmony improves. Family bonds grow stronger with positive communication.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Children's education and career take priority today, possibly bringing good academic news. Lovebirds should remain patient in relationships. Avoid risky investments, as they could lead to losses or dead assets.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Vital energy may feel low, and old health issues could resurface, causing restlessness. Avoid risky travel or adventurous activities. Resolve legal matters outside of court if possible. Overseas travel planning may begin.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Anxiety or restlessness may trouble you until evening, possibly leading to arrogance and strain in domestic life. Work may slow down, but elders' blessings will help overcome challenges. By evening, things will feel calmer and under control.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Relocation may be on your mind, but think carefully before making decisions. Peace of mind prevails, though a child's health could cause concern. Avoid speculative investments. Lovebirds should be patient about marriage decisions.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Past investments may finally yield profits, turning losses into gains. New ideas could bring business progress, and success comes with less effort. Meeting an influential person may guide you to greater achievements. Couples may hear good news about children, and lovebirds might discuss marriage. Job seekers are likely to find favorable prospects.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Work performance may win praise from superiors, with promotion possibilities. Opponents remain under control. Singles may develop romantic connections at work, while students make new friends. Those in fashion, glamour, arts, or design fields are likely to excel.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Patience and meditation strengthen your concentration, speeding up project completion. Support from colleagues ensures timely results. Short work-related travel is possible. An influential person might help expand your professional network.

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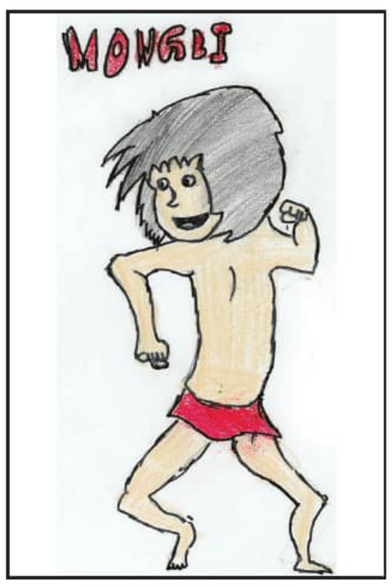

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
Luke, because there's no power (it's during a blackout).:

QUOTE UNCODE
Love is not blind – it sees more, not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less.

FAST FIVE

A	B	A	M	P
P	A	G	E	R
A	G	G	R	O
R	E	I	G	N
S	L	E	E	K

BULL'S EYE
dose, douse, dust, oust, ousted, OUTSIDE, side, site, sited, stud, studio, sued, suet, suit, suite, TEDIOUS, used

STRIKE OUT

N	U	T	R	I	A	■	T	O	A	M	A	N	■	■
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R	I	A	L	S	■	A	■	A	E	R	I	E	■	■
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T	■	A	■	S	E	A	L	S	■	K	■	T	■	■
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N	U	T	R	I	A	■	T	O	A	M	A	N	■	■

QUICK

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T	■	O	■	U	■	D	■	M	■	N	■	■	■	■
L	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
E	■	A	S	P	I	R	A	N	T	■	■	■	■	■

MENSA PUZZLE
T. In each row, add together the numerical values of the pairs of letters to the left and right, then calculate their difference, putting the letter with this numerical value in the centre space.

SOLVE IN 1M
= (2√6+√6) / (2√6-√6)
= 3√6 / √6 = 3

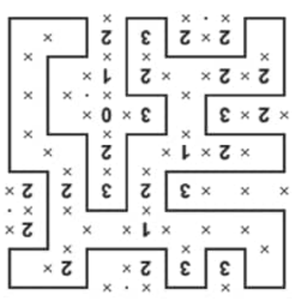
SUDOKU

3	9	1	5	2	7	8	4	6
8	5	2	3	4	6	9	7	1
6	7	4	8	1	9	2	3	5
7	6	3	2	8	1	5	9	4
5	1	9	4	6	3	7	8	2
2	4	8	9	7	5	1	6	3
4	8	6	7	5	2	3	1	9
1	3	5	6	9	8	4	2	7
9	2	7	1	3	4	6	5	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, As, Sea, Sane, Anise, Insane, Amnesia.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 9 + 4 − 8 = 12
Medium
8 − 8 + 4 + 9 = 13
Hard
5 + 3 x 1 + 3 = 11

LOOP



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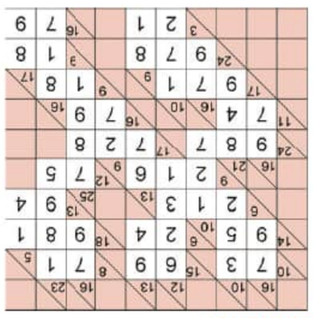

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Hollywood Walk of Fame star

Actor Jessica Chastain, best known for her performances in 'Zero Dark Thirty', 'Interstellar', and 'The Eyes of Tammy Faye', will soon be felicitated with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star

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Tannishtha on how she finished her film against all odds

Actor Tannishtha Chatterjee, who recently revealed her stage 4 oligometastatic cancer diagnosis, says she finished her film "Full Plate" while going through a difficult phase in her personal life.

The actor is happy that the movie, which she wrote and directed, will now have its world premiere at the Busan International Film Festival.

The 43-year-old on Tuesday thanked fans for their wishes in an Instagram post.

"So overwhelmed by all the love and good wishes I have received over the past two days. It's easy to feel like the world is all doom and gloom, but thank you for making me feel that it's not and that humanity still exists. I don't want this to sound like an award acceptance, speech. So please forgive me if it does sound so.

"In the middle of a really difficult personal journey, I somehow also managed to finish my film 'Full Plate' which I wrote and directed. I got diagnosed right in the middle of the post production earlier this year. Despite everything I am so happy to share that Full Plate will have its world Premier at the Busan International film Festival 2025," the actor wrote. Chatterjee also shared the poster of the film and said it could only be possible through "pure grit and total commitment" of the team who stood strong through her health crisis and incredibly difficult conditions under which the movie was made. She also praised the cast and crew of the film including Kirti Kulhari, Ashutosh Goswami, Indraneil Sengupta, Monica Dogra for their help.

Chatterjee has worked in movies across industries including "Parched", "Brick Lane", Bret Lee starrer "UnIndian", "Angry Indian Goddesses", "Doctor Rakhmabai" and "Anna Karenina". She last appeared in the Paresh Rawal starrer "The Storyteller". —PTI

Alia calls out violation of private space

Calling the dissemination of videos and pictures of her new Mumbai house an "invasion of privacy and a serious security issue", actor Alia Bhatt on Tuesday requested media to take such images down immediately and asked her fans to not reshare them. Bhatt's Instagram post comes days after the visuals of her and husband Ranbir Kapoor's Bandra home, which seems to be taken from a neighbour's balcony, started circulating online.

"I understand that in a city like Mumbai, space is limited - sometimes the view from your window is another person's home... But that does not give anyone the right to film private residences and push those videos online. A video of our home - still under construction - has been recorded and circulated by multiple publications, without our knowledge or consent," Alia wrote. "This is a clear invasion of privacy and a serious security issue. She also requested media outlets to take down all the related content. — PTI

Which genre next? Arjun has a few favourites

Bollywood actor Arjun Rampal, who was recently seen in the 2nd season of the hit streaming series 'Rana Naidu', has shed light on the genre that he loves working in.

The actor is known for seamlessly blending into his characters with pitch-perfect authenticity. His filmography showcases evolution and the hunger to shed layers of the past. The actor spoke about what draws him to scripts and what makes him give them a nod. Talking about the same, he said, "It has to be real and honest for me. It has to have a very strong belief system of that character, and once it does, I can build from there".

He also expressed his desire to step into a period zone on-screen, as he said, "I love period films. I'd love to do something historical. Or even dystopian. Or mythological. Something that puts you in a new world". Currently, Arjun is looking forward to his film with Ranveer Singh, R. Madhavan and Sanjay Dutt. With this high-octane action drama, Arjun experiments with another raw character as unveiled in the film's first look. With metal shades, a golden tooth, and a chilling glare, Arjun is ready for something entirely massy and grand. The film is directed by Aditya Dhar, and is scheduled to release in theatres on December 5. — IANS

'Kamal Sridevi is sure to keep audiences glued to their seats'

Sachin Cheluvarayaswamy makes a comeback after a gap of two years with Kannada film Kamal Sridevi that is scheduled to arrive in theaters on September 9 across the state. Sachin plays a director in Kamal Sridevi that is directed by Sunil Kumar VA.

"I was involved in the development of the script from day one. I agreed to bankroll the movie in association with Rajavardhan because of the script. We gave importance to the script and all the actors followed the script," says Sachin.

Sachin, the son of Agriculture Minister N Cheluvarayaswamy, says that acting in movies is his passion. Elaborating on the script of Kamal Sridevi, Sachin says the movie has the potential to keep the audiences engaged for more than two hours. "I am confident that audiences will be glued to the screen without needing any breaks," Sachin said.

He says efforts were made to avoid unnecessary scenes including glorifying the hero without justification. "The teaser of the movie received good feedback. My family members are happy with the teaser. They are yet to watch the movie. We are planning to release Kamal Sridevi at around 150 screens across the state," he says. The movie is bankrolled by Dhanalakshmi BK under the Swarnambika Pictures banner, and co-produced by Rajavardhan's Barn Swallow. —Y Maheswara Reddy